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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Sundhausen Kaserne:

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a. Garrison Strength:

About 2,300 personnel. The barracks is only 70% full.

b. Uniforms and Insignia:

About 40% of the enlisted men wore black/red, 55% red/black, 3% black/blue and 2% blue/black shoulderboards. About 40% of those with black/red shoulderboards wore artillery or motor transport insignia; 50% of those with red/black shoulderboards wore motor transport insignia; and about 40% of those with black/blue shoulderboards wore signals insignia.

c. Weapons and Equipment:

- (1) Enlisted men were seen armed with rifles, machine guns or sub-machine guns.
- (2) The number of vehicles, from observations made to date, is estimated at 80 to 100 trucks and 20 cars.

d. Vehicle

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Truck GAZ-51
 " GAZ-51
 " ZIS-5
 " ZIS-5

Driver with red/black shoulderboards, drove in. Parked outside the barracks.
 Driver with red/black shoulderboards, parked outside the barracks.
 Driver with red/black shoulderboards, parked outside the barracks, loaded with household equipment.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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e. Training:

Small groups of enlisted men were seen drilling or cleaning up the area. There was machine-gun firing practice each day at the firing range on Krieg-Berg. One to three companies marched almost each day to the firing range. They wore red/black shoulderboards.

f. Radar Equipment:

The radar station, located about 200 meters north of the barracks, now comprises one Token, one Kniferest and two Fishnets. The second small Fishnet was first seen on 15 February 1954. Three trucks are parked there. Earth bunkers measuring 2.5 x 6 meters are being built, extending about 1.5 meters above the ground. Approximately 15 enlisted men, wearing blue/black shoulderboards, are always in the area. The radar sets were not seen in action during the period under review. The station is guarded by two dogs.

2. Vehicular Traffic in the Town:

Truck	ZIS-5						
"	"	Driver with red/black shoulderboards, truck standing					
		empty in the market square.					
"	GAZ-51						
"	ZIS-5	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	(8-wheeled).					25X1
"	"						
"	"						
"	"						
Car	BMW						
Truck	ZIS-5						

3. Flak Kaserne:

- a. The barracks is very full, with about 3,000 KVP men of all ranks.
- b. 3 x 85-mm anti-aircraft guns were taken into the barracks at the beginning of February.
- c. The ammunition dump located about 1200 meters east of the barracks and about 100 meters east of the firing range is approximately 100 x 200 meters in size and is guarded by the KVP. At night the dump is brightly lit.

4. Polizei Kaserne:

- a. The barracks is occupied by about 400 People's Police. Officer cadet training is carried out here.
- b. Six trucks, ready to be driven off at a moment's notice, have been standing in the barracks square for about six weeks.

5. Miscellaneous:

- a. At 11 a.m. on 5 March 1954, a military train from the direction of Erfurt passed through Gotha on the Eisenach line. It carried 20 new trucks with numbers covered, 4 x 37-mm anti-aircraft guns, 2 x 85-mm anti-aircraft guns and a searchlight.
- b. Local inhabitants in conversation with a casual acquaintance reported that the railroad line between Bifleben and Friedrichswerth is to be rebuilt and to be extended to Hainaer-Holz.

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